For the past couple years pollen has been hard to find and hybridizing has been difficult. The flower would open but the pollen wouldn't. My Gladys Carroll seeds very easily also a new one I named "Juanita Runyon", from these I am expecting some beauties by hybridizing with Miss Sally, Mrs. Johnson and other large ones to bring up the size.

– John D. Carroll M.D.

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"We have a great deal of trouble here with the COLD. I live in the suburbs, but some **suburbs** are colder than here and we have a time. I follow closely the methods used in Northern Florida and always enjoy that part of the Seed Pod. I don't lose any, but its hard to tell people that. They say they are not worth planting as they lose them every year. HOW LAZY CAN A HIBISCUS GROWER GET? I have high blood pressure and terrible arthritis in the knees. I can't stoop. That is one reason my garden is now all Camellias, Azaleas and Hibiscus. They can all be taken care of standing up. But I bank the plants in Oct. clear up past the graft. I made circles 18"high with small mesh **chicken** wire. I **cut** the tops of too tall plants and I fasten the length of wire around the plant and anchor it to the ground with two curtain rods. The curved part (the ends) hold the wire in place. Then I scoop up a few pine needles and a neighbor furnishes some oak leaves and I line the **wire** cage with this. Then I shovel in the dirt at least 12 to 14" high. This all stays on until the end of March. It is not unsightly. Whne the weather man predicts as low as 34 out here, which is several times a year. I go out and wrap the tops with newspaper, clipping it together with clip clothes pins. Some of the wide plants, I have to tie the branches together first with heavy string. Its trouble, yes, but I have had blooms under the news papers for CHRISTMAS, small, true, but they bloomed."

Mrs. Byron E. Dodd
Director at Large
New Orleans, La.

P.O. DeDeur, Transvaal
Union of South Africa

29th July 1959

American Hibiscus Society
Sec. Miss Suart Ruth Allen,
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Coral Gabels, Florida, USA

Dear Madam,

I got your address from an old book, and hope that this letter reaches you.

I am very interested in Hibiscus cultivation, and have a large collection, and would like to join your Society.

Do you issue a Year Book, and could you send me your last issue, as I do not know its price, therefore I am unable to remit, further tell me if your Society issues a list fo members as I would like to correspond, and change with them.

If you would like an article on Hibiscus growing over here I will only be too pleased to write one for you.

Yours faithfully
Jack Bester

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Ft. Myers, Florida.

Dear Jimmie,

Would you thank all the nice and considerate people of St. Petersburg and members of the AHS who were so kind and helpful when I fell and broke my right arm at their show. It is rather difficult for me to print with my left hand so it would be an impossible chore to weite to them all.

I really do appreciate their thoughtfulness and help. They were just grand to me.

Thanks,
Eunice Taft